

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Appln. No. 09/974,966
Docket No. Q66516

REMARKS

Claims 6, 8-10, and 13 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 11, 12, 14, and 16-19 are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings, alleging that the casing 10 must be shown in the drawings. Similarly, the Examiner has objected to the specification, noting that casing 10 is not shown in Fig. 4.

Therefore, Applicant has provided a Drawing Replacement Sheet in which Fig. 4 has been amended to include a reference to casing 10. No new matter has been added. In view of this amendment, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw these objections and to note that the Drawing Replacement Sheet is accepted.

Abstract

In addition, the Examiner has objected to the abstract, noting that the abstract is longer than 150 words. Therefore, Applicant has replaced the abstract with a new abstract that is less than 150 words.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that claim 6 is allowed, and that claim 8-10 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, in order to obtain immediate allowance of this application, Applicant has rewritten claims 8 and 13 in independent form including all of the limitation of base claim 1.

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Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and immediate allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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